

# ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

February 4<sup>th</sup>, s 2020

Final

**Present:** Sharon Garofanello, Iva Doser, Guillaume Yoboue, Les Knox, George Morgan, Peggy Lull, Randy Peacock, Alicia Ward, Mary Jane Starks, Barb Pellicano, Debbra Allwell

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President Sharon Garofanello.

**Order of business:** The order of business was reviewed and accepted without change.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** The Board Members approved the minutes from January 2019 without change.

**Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg**

Attached are standard Budget vs Actual and Balance Sheet reports. We are current both in accounts payable and accounts receivable.

**Host Families: Sue Isggrig**

We have files for three students from Spain, two students from Italy, one student from Turkey and two from Russia. There is a student from Poland as well. We will try to get blurbs up on our website.

**Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull**

I have not received any additional application documents for the RCSD student whose school counselor submitted a recommendation.

I have not received any other applications.

**State Department: Debby Allwell**

(1) The Department of State approved ATAD's recent request for additional Forms DS-2019 on 1/21/2020. ATAD has been approved to receive 5 Forms.

(2) In November 2019 the State Department conducted an online questionnaire regarding the exchange students about their program experience. The State Department reported that they received a response rate of over 70%, and 90% of exchange visitors rated their program and/or host family experience positively. The few reported negative responses were followed up by OPA.

Almost 90% of exchange visitors reported that their local coordinators checked in with them monthly and most of those exchange visitor (OVER 75%) reported that those check ins were mostly in person, but almost 15% reported that they were normally conducted via text message. Over 10% of exchange visitors reported that their local coordinators never or only sometimes checked in. The State Department requested that all sponsors review their monthly check in procedures to ensure proper monitoring.

**CSIET:**

Nothing to report.

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## **Policies and Procedures Committee: Peggy Lull**

Nothing to report.

## **Website development: George Morgan**

The website traffic has been down for the last couple months.

## **Social Media: Mary Jane Stark**

Community Arts Day in Webster Schroder High School – April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10-4 pm. ATAD possible to set up a table.

On 03/16 foreign language days opens in Webster Schools.

## **Outreach: Tonya Thompson**

Alicia went to South West common council education committee meeting and shared about ATAD by giving brochures and information about ATAD.

## **Activities: Barbara Pellicano**

**International Dinner** is Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 4-7PM

**Pittsford Senior Luncheon** is April 21<sup>st</sup>

## **Programs:**

### **Bamako: Alicia Ward**

Alicia and Dean attended the Sister City Committee meeting and they are encouraging organizations to promote activities through the city of Rochester.

### **Wurzburg: Randy Peacock**

Nothing to report.

### **Arequipa: Barb Pellicano**

No report.

### **Iquitos, Peru: Barb Pellicano**

Nothing to report.

### **Novgorod: Marina Sweany**

Both students were sick and are recovering. Hellen is very busy with the musical. She likes it but she is really tired. She went to watch Super-ball and won a gift card since she predicted correctly. Luka has midterms and he thinks he would have done better if he would have more time.

### **Rennes: Guillaume Yobo**

My wife Marie Claire, my daughter Nia and I met with Carol, Carl, and Florian for their January visit on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. They served us a delicious dinner: Salad, Lasagna and to top it all off a delicious brownie cake with ice cream, along with some delicious green tea.

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Prior to that, I contacted Florian's school counselor Mr. Ben Winter on January 24, 2020. This is what Mr. Winter stated about Florian:

"Florian is a great kid. He's doing a really amazing job. He's super involved and doing really well in school."

During dinner, Carol and Carl shared with me that they will go to the college graduation for Carl's daughter at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina from 5/7 to 5/10/20. They plan to have Florian stay at ATAD Exchange student Miki's place. They will make the necessary arrangements and will keep me informed.

Also, Florian will have a Sports Banquet for their Winter Sports at Pittsford Sutherland from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. They plan to attend ATAD's International Dinner from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. At the Sports Banquet, Florian will be recognized for his Nordic Cross-Country Skiing achievements.

Overall, Florian is doing well. Still busy with Nordic cross-country skiing, piano and robotics. The dinner visit was over at 6:00 pm.

**Krakow:**

Nothing to report.

**Majorca: Barbara Pellicano (interim)**

Miki is doing well. He had a great first semester and continues to excel. He and his host family enjoy spending time together.

**Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo**

The paperwork for the second student has been received. There are two students from Italy arriving next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM February 4th, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser